

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Energy

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

453

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/29/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

08/29/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

AGENCY

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

AGENCY Authority

13. Effective Date

11/20/1989

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on the Department's basic and applied research and development activities, economic and national security policy, educational issues, operational issues, and on any other activities and operations of the Department of Energy as the Secretary may direct. Much of its work is conducted through subcommittees/task forces. The objectives of the subcommittees/task forces are to make recommendations to the parent Board with respect to particular matters related to the responsibilities of the parent Board. Such subcommittees/task forces or workgroups may not work independently of the Board and must report their recommendations and advice to the full Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees/task forces and workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board, nor can they report directly to the Department of Energy.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

SEAB is comprised of recognized private industry experts and individuals from scientific and academic communities, regulatory entities, and stakeholder organizations knowledgeable about the DOE mission. Specific expertise relevant to the mission/function of the Board includes: research and development, policy-making, environmental stewardship, venture capital investment, and strategic planning.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board meets at least once per year or as frequently as needed to provide timely advice to the Secretary of Energy. Subcommittees/task forces of the Board will meet more frequently to work on specific issues and report their findings and recommendations to the Secretary through the Board. The Board will provide the Secretary of Energy with essential independent external advice on issues of national importance related to the missions of the Department of Energy.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Board is the only independent external advisory body that was charged with providing high-level advice and recommendations on issues related to the conduct of Department of Energy business and the public interest. The Board is an effective means for the Federal Government, specifically the DOE, to continue obtaining timely, balanced, and expert advice on matters concerning the Department's research, development, and technology activities; energy and national security responsibilities; environmental cleanup activities; energy-related economic activities; and guidance in other activities and operations of the Department at the Secretary's request. There is a compelling need for such advice, both

by the Federal Government and by the DOE. The Board offers a wide range of technical knowledge that was not available to the Department through existing advisory committees, public hearings, solicitations of comment from the public, or contractors.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Not Applicable.

21. Remarks

The Board did not have any activities for FY2018 but members may be appointed in early FY 2019.

Designated Federal Officer

TBD TBD Designated Federal Officer

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Significant program outcomes associated with the committee are contingent upon the scope of assigned activities and vary from year to year based upon the needs of the Department.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Currently N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

125

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Department has received a broad spectrum of recommendations and guidance from the SEAB. Specifically, the Department has received over 125 recommendations from the SEAB and its Task Forces through discrete studies on DOE's funding constructs, nuclear nonproliferation priorities, a technology development program for environmental management, high performance computing, FracFocus 2.0, DOE's national labs, methane hydrates program, the future of nuclear power, biomedical sciences, CO2 Utilization, and federal emergency management.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

74%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Department has taken significant action to implement related improvements for approximately 75% of the recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The Department continues to explore actions to address approximately 20% of the recommendations including those related to technology development for environmental management, nuclear nonproliferation, the national labs, high performance computing, biomedical sciences, the future of nuclear power, CO2 Utilization, and federal emergency management.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Department provides status updates when applicable at the quarterly meetings. When deemed appropriate, an official response is provided to the Board and posted on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board website.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

Committee information is available from the committees web site, located at
<http://www.energy.gov/seab>